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NALEO EDUCATIONAL FUND ELECTS NEW CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

*~The NALEO Educational Fund Board of Directors continues to represent the
diversity of the Latino community~*

MIAMI, FL – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund announced the election of three new Board members, including incoming-Chair and Florida State Representative Juan C. Zapata (R-Miami). The Board members were elected at the organization's Board of Directors Meeting on October 25 in Miami following the group's Latino Legislative Summit on Health Disparities.

The new members elected to the NALEO Educational Fund Board of Directors include Pueblo Colorado School Board Member Stephanie Garcia and Susan I. Santana, Esq., Assistant Vice President of External Affairs for AT&T. The Board of Directors unanimously elected Florida State Representative Juan C. Zapata to serve as Chairman. Other Board officers elected include Ivelisse Estrada, Senior Vice President of Corporate and Community Relations with Univision Communications, Inc. to serve as Secretary and New Mexico State Auditor Hector Balderas to serve as Treasurer.

An active member of the organization, Chairman Zapata previously served on the NALEO Board of Directors from 2004-2009. With his election as chairman, he becomes the first Floridian in the organization's history to assume this leadership position. As the Educational Fund's fifth chairman, he leads the organization in its mission to facilitate the full participation of Latinos in the American political process.

"I am honored that my colleagues have entrusted me with the opportunity to serve and lead our community and this organization during a historic time," said newly-elected NALEO Educational Fund Chairman Juan Zapata. "While we have made significant strides toward political empowerment, much work remains to be done. I look forward to contributing to the mission of the NALEO Educational Fund," he concluded.

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About NALEO Educational Fund

The NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.